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REF: NEW MEXICO STATE UNIV /EMB B AND F CABLE
STATE 471 (1/22/75), STATE 179248 (5/16/74)

1. EMBASSY B AND F OFFICE RECEIVED PRIVATE RCA CABLE FROM
NSF GRANTEE DR. PHILLIP SMITH OF NEW MEXICO STATE REQUESTING
RELEASE OF \$3,000 (LE 1,666.67) TO DR. MOSTAFA HAFEZ OF
EGYPTIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENTIFIC RESERACH FOR PROJECT COSTS.

2. SINCE REVIEW OF RECORD SHOWS AUTHORIZATION OF DR.
SMITH AS AGENT OF GRANTEE FOR PAYMENT (STATE REFTELS) AND
OTHER INSTANCES OF PAYMENTS MADE ON HIS AUTHORIZATION, AND
SINCE SCIATT RECENTLY VISITED AND DISCUSSED PROJECT NEEDS
WITH ACADEMY, WE ARE PROCESSING PAYMENT. HOWEVER, WE AGAIN
CITE NEED FOR EXPLANATION OF PURPOSE OF ALL DISBURSEMENTS.
SMITH CABLE CONTAINS NONE. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE
EXPLANATION FOR THE RECORD OF PURPOSE OF PAYMEENT FROM NSF.
WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE COPY OF ORIGINAL PROJECT PROPOSAL
FOR OUR RECORDS.

3. EMBASSY ALSO REQUESTS THAT IN FUTURE ALL ORDERS
FOR DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS COME FROM OR BE SPECIFICALLY
AUTHORIZED THROUGH NSF AND DEPT. ALTHOUGH GENERAL AUTHORITY
TO DR. SMITH IS IN RECORD, WE HAVE NO WAY OF KNOWING FROM
PRIVATE CABLE WHETHER PAYMENT REQUESTED IS CONSISTENT WITH
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NSF FISCAL ARRANGEMTNS. WE SHOULD HAVE EVIDENCE THAT

EACH DISBURSEMENT OF GOVERNMENT FUNDS IS AUTHORIZED BY
RESPONSIBLE AGENCY. THEREFORE, IN FUTURE, WE WILL NOT
PROCESS SIMILAR REQUESTS UNLESS AUTHORIZED AS
INDICATED.

4. REQUEST NSF ADVISE SMITH OF ABOVE AND WORK OUT ARRANGE-
MENTS WITH HIM THAT ALL FUTURE DISBURSEMENTS AUTHORIZATIONS BE
FORWARDED THROUGH STATE CHANNELS. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL
ONLY RESULT IN DISBURSEMENT DELAYS WHILE WE ARE CHECKING
MATTER.
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